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C O N F I D E N T I A L OTTAWA 00525

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: TSPA, CA
SUBJECT: SOVIET SATELLITE COSMOS 954: U.S. PARTICIPATION
IN EXAMINATION OF DEBRIS

REF: OTTAWA 493

1. EXTAFF DEFENSE RELATIONS DIVISION DIRECTOR MATHEWSON
CONVEYED ON FEBRUARY 2 FOLLOWING POINTS WHICH SUPPLEMENT
FORMAL GOC APPROVAL (CONVEYED TO US BY IVAN HEAD, SEE
REFTEL) OF U.S. PARTICIPATION IN EXAMINATION OF COSMOS 954
DEBRIS:

-- (A) GOC WELCOMES PARTICIPATION OF U.S. TECHNICIANS
IN EXAMINATION AND ANALYSIS OF SATELLITE DEBRIS;

-- (B) ALL INFORMATION OBTAINED IS TO BE SHARED FULLY;

-- (C) ALL EXAMINATION AND ANALYSIS WORK IS TO BE DONE
IN CANADA UNDER DIRECTION OF CANADIANS;

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-- (D) THERE IS TO BE NO PUBLICITY ABOUT THE EXAMINA-
TION AND ANALYSIS, AND NO RESPONSE BY ANY PARTICI-
PANTS TO INQUIRIES FROM JOURNALISTS;

-- (E) GOC PRESS SPOKESMAN WILL RESPOND TO ANY INQUIRIES
ABOUT U.S. PARTICIPATION BY STATING THAT PRESENCE OF
U.S. TECHNICIANS IS MERELY CONTINUATION OF JOINT

COOPERATION WHICH HAS CHARACTERIZED THIS PROJECT
FROM THE OUTSET.

2. EMBASSY PROVIDED MATHEWSON WITH SUBSTANCE OF STATE
23156 (PRESS GUIDANCE ON POSSIBLE DISCUSSION IN UN FORA).
MATHEWSON NOTED THAT EXTAFF AND STATE DEPARTMENT LAWYERS
ARE PLANNING TO MEET SOON ON THIS ISSUE AND HE THEREFORE
FOUND OUR PRESS GUIDANCE VERY HELPFUL.

3. COMMENT: DEPARTMENT WILL RECOGNIZE THAT CONDITIONS
FOR U.S. PARTICIPATION IN ANALYSIS PHASE, WHILE PROBABLY
IN NO WAY ONEROUS OR INHIBITING, CLEARLY UNDERSCORE
CANADIAN SENSITIVITIES AS TO WHO IS IN CHARGE AND WHO IS
RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY COMMENTS TO THE PRESS. ENDERS

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